

BIG BOAT COMBINE STILL MENACED BY "TAINT" OF MORSE

Plunging Financier Who Dragged Down National and State Banks Now Seeks to Dominate the Reorganization of Steamship Company

Millions of Water in Morse Boat Stocks.

The following table, compiled from the figures of Gunn, Richards & Co., public accountants, show the amount of cash in the treasury of the Charles W. Morse Consolidated Steamship Lines Company Nov. 30, 1907, as against the stock and bonds issued against the subsidiary companies:

	Cash.	Stock.	Bonds Net.
Clyde Steamship Company.....	\$61,150	\$14,000,000	\$4,337,000
Malloy Steamship Company.....	63,456	14,000,000	3,000,000
New York & Cuba Mail S. S. Company..	61,335	20,000,000	10,666,000
New York & Porto Rico S. S. Company..	40,334	8,000,000	1,326,000
Metropolitan Steamship Company.....	2,858	3,000,000	2,000,000
Eastern Steamship Company.....	6,382	3,000,000	2,095,000
Totals	\$235,497	\$62,000,000	\$24,624,000

What is this mysterious and deadly "taint of Charles W. Morse?" It has closed two National banks—the Bank of North America and the New Amsterdam; two State institutions—the Mechanics and Traders' Bank, and the Knickerbocker Trust Company—besides placing for a time in the doubtful column three other National banks and a State bank whose stock is principally owned by a former friend of Morse, a Tammany politician.

The Hamilton Bank, resuscitated after an eight weeks' suspension, owed its troubles primarily to the "taint of Morse," while the Oriental Bank, which closed last week, suspended solely because the public thought Morse was a factor in its management, and the public was entirely wrong.

Augustus Heinze, the late Charles T. Barney, O. F. and E. R. Thomas, with their banks and brokerage houses, were associated with Morse, but the latter was the captain of the band, and its genius.

The Evening World to-day presents some heretofore unpublished facts in connection with Mr. Morse's \$25,000,000 Consolidated Steamship Lines Company, whose stock was quoted on the curb to-day at one-quarter of 1 per cent., and whose bonds were offered at 5, with no takers. The widows and orphans of the New England and Middle States hold \$25,222,000 worth of these practically worthless bonds and some of the stock, and it was the revulsion of the public to this transaction in high finance, it is said, which has reacted against the so-called Morse banks.

Grand Jury Investigating.
Mr. Morse's connection with the national banks whose stocks he controlled is now under investigation by the Federal Grand Jury. But this smiling man of Maine, harassed on all sides by investigations, with the receivers of the Knickerbocker Trust Company demanding the return of money he procured through his friendship to Barney, and the Special Grand Jury prying into his private ledger secrets, has found time to draft a reorganization plan for the Consolidated Steamship Lines Company. Mr. Morse is putting his plan through, and therein lies the humor of the whole situation.
Mr. Morse incidentally is having himself investigated. Gov. William T. Cobb, of Maine, who calls Morse "Charley," is chairman of the Bondholders' Committee which is carrying on this particular work.

Among the other members of this committee are Henry Hornblower, member of the brokerage house of Hornblower & Weeks, No. 129 Broadway, who floated the watered stocks and bonds; Alvin W. Kroch, secretary of the Equitable Trust Company, who counseled with many probable buyers of the watered stocks and bonds; J. J. Herward, who supplied coal to the coastwise steamship combine, and now holds a mortgage on Morse's town house at No. 728 Fifth avenue; Henry B. Mallory and H. P. Booth, both of whom profited by Morse's watering of their steamship ownership, and W. H. Granbery and Galen Stone, the latter a Boston broker, who staked much of the stock and bonds.

"Mr. Morse is said to be going around with a reorganization plan in his vest pocket which your committee stands ready to accept," Mr. Hornblower was told to-day by an Evening World reporter.

"We decided that it would be a great deal better for us to keep on a friendly basis with Mr. Morse," replied the broker. "I have no doubt Mr. Morse has a plan. We all have plans, but which one will be taken is not decided. It is true that Gov. Cobb and Mr. Morse are still on an intimate friendly footing, but the Governor will not be influenced, indeed he will not be influenced."

The investigation instituted by the so-called bondholders' committee has revealed some startling facts—startling even to Mr. Morse's intimate friends. These statements have been made up by Gunn, Richards & Co., public accountants, and in the first place show that the combined net earnings of the different companies over their individual charges is insufficient to provide for the interest on the outstanding issue of 4 per cent. collateral trust bonds. The estimated annual earnings of the six companies is \$2,500,000 for 1907, while \$2,600,000 is estimated combined net earnings for 1908.

Out of the \$2,000,000 earnings \$500,000 will have to be laid aside Jan. 1, 1908, to satisfy sinking fund obligations, leaving a balance of about \$1,500,000 to pay the expenses of the holding company and its \$2,000,000 fixed charges on \$5,000,000 bonds. These sinking fund obligations increase yearly, and amount to \$1,500,000 when annual payments of \$1,100,000 have to be paid thereafter until 1922, when the obligation ceases.

A Remarkable Entry.
In a summary of an approximate balance sheet showing the assets of the Consolidated Steamship Lines Company on Nov. 30, 1907, appears this remarkable entry:
Good will, franchises, leases and contracts, \$68,517,500.

is up in the form of the bonds of the following companies:
C. M. Bondholders' Association, \$200,000
Bank of North America, 200,000
Oriental Bank, 200,000
New York & Cuba Mail S. S. Co., 200,000
New York & Porto Rico S. S. Co., 200,000
Metropolitan S. S. Co., 200,000
Eastern S. S. Co., 200,000
Total, \$1,000,000

Another Pet Company.
The Eastern Steamship Company, operating a line of boats from Boston to Halifax, owing the time these lines is another pet Morse company. It is now in the hands of the public, and its stock is showing no progress and is selling at a discount.

All Well Watered.
The companies which went into the combine under the careful manipulation of Morse were well watered before-hand. Here is the capitalization of several of the same companies in 1907 before the "taint of Morse":
Metropolitan Steamship Company, capital stock, \$3,000,000
New York & Cuba Mail Steamship Company, capital stock, \$25,000,000
New York & Porto Rico Steamship Company, capital stock, \$25,000,000
The Clyde Steamship Company and the Malloy Steamship Company were founded in 1900, and since that time would have been a high appraisal for a stock issue in their behalf and they best qualified to handle the business.

The Eastern Steamship Lines Company was a combination of a half dozen small lines operating out of New York, and the Maine and Massachusetts coast.

RECEIVERS FOR THE MORSE LINES.

PORTLAND, Me., Feb. 4.—Receivers for the Eastern Steamship Company, the Metropolitan Steamship Company and the Consolidated Steamship Lines of Maine, and two joint special masters were appointed to-day by Judge Putnam, in the United States Circuit Court, the receivers and special masters are:
Eastern Steamship Company, William T. Cobb, Governor of Maine; Calvin Austin, of Boston, president and general manager of all three companies.
Metropolitan Steamship Company, William T. Cobb, Calvin Austin and A. J. Oliver, of New York.
Consolidated Steamship Lines of Maine, William T. Cobb, Gen. Thomas H. Hubbard, of New York, and in case the latter cannot accept, Robert E. Herick, of Boston.
Joint special masters, John F. A. Merrill and A. S. Woodman, of Portland.

ICE COATED LINER IN FROM ROUGH TRIP

Encrusted with ice from water line to bridge and two days late the Caledonia, of the Anchor line, nosed her way through the ice of the North River to-day and landed into her Twenty-fourth street berth. There were only twelve cabin passengers aboard, and they were able to smile for the first time in ten days when they arose this morning and found themselves safely at anchor off Quarantine.

For continuous rough weather Capt. Walter Baxter, who is also commodore of the Anchor line fleet, had never seen anything like it. Gales belated the ship and blew huge seas over her bows from the first day out. A week ago to-day the Caledonia established her record for brevity of progress, making only 81 knots for the twenty-four hours. There were some hours in the twenty-four when the best the engines could drive the gale-smitten ship was one and a half knots.

The ship was scarcely out of its clothes for more than a few hours throughout the voyage, averaging about twenty hours a day on the bridge. The Caledonia is a staunch boat, however, and no damage was done.

LETTING BARS DOWN FOR INSURANCE MEN

Legislative Bill Permits Sale of Stock to Protect Their Interests.

Special to The Evening World.
ALBANY, Feb. 1.—The first bill to be introduced in the Legislature on behalf of the life insurance presidents was put in to-day by the chairman of both the Senate and Assembly Committees on Insurance. It partly throws down the bars to investments which are closely confined by the Armstrong insurance law.

The measure provides that insurance companies may enter into agreements for the sale of stock for the purpose of protecting their interests.

At present the companies are required to dispose of all their stock holdings within five years. President Paul Mort, of the Equitable, during his recent interview with Gov. Hughes, protested strongly against this provision of the law. If the proposed amendment goes through the insurance companies will be enabled to dispose of their stock holdings through a syndicate, to be held until there is a profitable market for them. There is likely to be a fight on the bill.

TWO FROZEN STIFF IN OPEN ROWBOAT

Harbor Inspector's Tug Picks Up Pair Near Death in Upper Bay.

Two men, who were attempting to row in an open boat from South Brooklyn to a barge anchored off Stapleton, were picked up exhausted and nearly frozen in the upper bay to-day by the Harbor Inspector's tug Cerebus.

The boat and the men's clothing were a mass of ice. The bodies of the men were stiff with cold. After applying restoratives, the tug transferred the men to the barge off Stapleton.

Words and music of the "Soul Kiss Waltz Song" as produced at the New York Theatre with GENE, the world's greatest dancer, will be given in the Magazine Section of next Sunday's World. Order from newdealer in advance. Remember each newdealer's supply is limited. Advance order is necessary.

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Sunday World Wants Work Monday Morning Wonders

OLD ENGINEER DEAD A WEEK; FOUND IN BED.

John Guntner, an old engineer, was found dead to-day in his bed in a rooming house, conducted by Mrs. Eliza Lamb, at No. 120 East One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street. He had been dead a week, and his old cornob pipe hanging from his fireless lips showed that the end had overtaken him as he lay smoking.

He was a quiet, elderly man, and Mrs. Lamb paid little attention to his coming and goings. She saw him last when he paid his room rent on Tuesday evening of last week.

For two or three days a strong odor in the house led Mrs. Lamb to suspect that there was something wrong with the plumbing. She sent for the owner of the house, Mrs. Elizabeth Martin, to-day, and Mrs. Martin sent for a policeman. The policeman forced the door of Guntner's room.

Fat All My Life, and How I Got Rid of It.

First a captivating plumpness begins to steal upon women in her thirties. Plumpness is followed by obesity—fatness and shortness of breath and heart flutter. Then, alas, comes the skin that is double and the comical, lumbering waddle of the overfat. Fine sarcasm to tell such a woman to exercise! Why not counsel dying? She is as able to do the one as the other. It is another keen cut to suggest dying. When ladies are just so fat they want an ounce of will power or energy to spare for extra—just living is hard enough work for them.

What then? Are these unfortunate condemned to be fat for life? No, believe it or not, a simple home receipt, easy to get at a drug store, will take that fat off and keep it off. I tested it once. Marmole is once Fluid Extract Casarea Aromatic and the correct soup Simples, mixed at home and taken in teaspoonful doses after meals and at bedtime will take off as much as a pound a day in some cases. Get the Marmole in the sealed packages—you are sure it is fresh that way—take the mixture a month and you'll see. The fat begins to drop off and leave nice, smooth, firm flesh, while the health and complexion turn out wonderfully.

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